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SUBJ: CURRENT FOOD SITUATION AND ITS POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS

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1. WE MORE OR LESS EXHAUSTED OUR ANALYTIC ABILITIES ON CALCUTTA 0150. OUR FOLLOW-UP REPORT ON WEST BENGAL'S CHIEF SEC-
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RETARY'S COMMENTS TO THE CONSULAR CORPS CONFIRMED THAT NOT

MUCH CAN BE EXPECTED ON THE PROCUREMENT FRONT FROM THE STATE GOVT., EVEN THOUGH HE LISTED SEVERAL ADMINISTRATIVE/LOGISTICAL PROBLEMS INSTEAD OF THE POLITICAL ONE WHICH WE SEE AT THE ROOT OF THE ISSUE. WE UNDERSTAND THAT MUCH THE SAME SITUATION PERTAINS IN BIHAR WHERE THERE WAS A GOOD CROP (WE THINK) BUT WHERE THE STATE GOVT. HAS NOT AND WILL NOT PROCURE. SUPPLIES FROM THE CENTER HAVE BEEN SLOW THUS RESULTING IN SERIOUS DIFFICULTIES IN KEEPING THE RATION SYSTEM GOING. THE VERY POOR AND INDUSTRIAL WORKERS SUFFER MOST BECAUSE THEY REALLY DEPEND ON THE RATION SHOPS FOR THEIR SUPPLIES. IN ORISSA AND ASSAM, CROPS WERE GOOD; PROCUREMENT NON-EXISTENT AND NO ONE SEEMS TERRIBLY WORRIED.

2. THE SHORT TERM IMPLICATION SEEMS FAIRLY OBVIOUS: WHERE WILL THE GRAINS NECESSARY TO KEEP THE RATIONING SYSTEM FUNCTIONING COME FROM? AT THE RISK OF OVERSIMPLIFICATION, THEY WILL COME FROM PUNJAB, HARYANA OR FOREIGN SOURCES. OR THE PROCUREMENT PRICE WILL HAVE TO BE RAISED AND SERIOUS POLITICAL/ADMINISTRATIVE EFFORTS PURSUED TO PROCURE. IF IT IS TRUE THAT THERE WERE GOOD, IF NOT BUMPER, CROPS, THEN THERE ARE GRAINS AROUND, AVAILABLE AT SOME PRICE.

3. AT THE RISK OF STATING THE OBVIOUS, IT SEEMS TO US THAT THE POLITICAL LESSON FOR INDIANS IS: IF YOU WANT FUNDAMENTAL, SERIOUS ALTERATIONS IN YOUR SOCIO-ECONOMIC SYSTEM, DON'T VOTE FOR CONGRESS. IF THE STATUS QUO, WITH SOME TINKERING, IS ACCEPTABLE (OR BETTER THAN THE POTENTIAL CHAOS OF THE UNKNOWN OR UNTRIED) STICK WITH INDIRA AND THE REST OF THE GANG.
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